

Informational Meeting for Residents

Held at Sunnyvale Community Center Ballroom
At 6:30 PM on September 16, 2015

Park Representatives

Jay Coles, Sunnyvale Park LLC
Margaret Nanda, Attorney for Sunnyvale Park LLC
Interpretation Staff (Spanish & Chinese languages)

City Staff Representatives

Suzanne Isé, Housing Officer,
Ernie DeFrenchi, Affordable Housing Manager
David Richman and Debbie Martinez of Autotemp, Inc., (City Relocation Specialist)

Others Present:

Approximately 40 park residents
Council Members Hendricks and Larssen
Marie Barlahan and Marie Bernard, Sunnyvale Community Services
Micaela Hellman-Tincher, Aide to Supervisor Simitian

David Richman, Relocation Specialist, provided a brief overview of the CIR process and explained the various types of relocation assistance being offered to the residents in compliance with City requirements. The presentation included a slide show and simultaneous translation into Spanish and Chinese, using headsets, for those residents preferring to hear the presentation in those languages. Mr. Richman introduced his staff, Debbie Martinez, who was taking the lead in interviewing residents and helping them understand the process and the available relocation options.

Mr. Richman also introduced the City and Park representatives in attendance. Much of the meeting time was dedicated to allowing residents to ask questions about the relocation assistance details or the conversion process in general. Most of the questions asked related to timing of the payments, the lump sum and bonus options offered by the park, qualifying for loans, escrow transactional details, and so on. City staff and park representatives assisted in answering some of the questions, as appropriate. The Affordable Housing Manager briefly described the City's affordable housing programs, such as Below Market Rate (BMR) home buyer and rental programs and non-profit housing developments. In addition, Sunnyvale Community Services (SCS) staff briefly described some of the programs available from SCS, which residents may access even before they move if needed, such as food and financial assistance and help in obtaining public benefits. Ms. Hellman also offered the assistance of her office to any interested residents.

At the end of the meeting, residents were encouraged to remain and ask individual questions of the relocation specialists or City staff. Many did, and expressed interest in the BMR programs and/or options offered through the relocation assistance program.